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People walk past the new massive 9/11 mural by Mr. Brainwash that is across the street from the World Trade Center site. The mural was completed on Wednesday, one day before the Sept. 11 anniversary. / WENDY JOAN BIDDLECOMBE, METRO

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Lower Manhattan

9/11 Museum closed to public today

The 9/11 National Sept. 11 Museum will be closed to the public on Thursday as the city commemorates the memories of those lost on the 13th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

The memorial will also be closed to the public for the commemoration until 6 p.m. and closes at midnight.

The following day, the memorial will host the one-night return of the Tribute in Light display starting Thursday at sunset through sunrise on Sept. 12.

Both the museum and memorial will return to regular operations by Friday morning. **METRO**



9/11 Memorial Museum
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Lower Manhattan

Westboro to protest 9/11 Museum

The Westboro Baptist Church, fresh off of their "God Hates the Media" tour of NYC, plan to picket the 9/11 Memorial Museum on Thursday morning. The controversial Topeka-based organization will hold a 30-minute protest of the museum starting at 9:20 a.m. **METRO**



A massive mural by street artist Mr. Brainwash was completed on Wednesday afternoon across from the World Trade Center site. The piece, which stretches along Century 21's wall on Church Street between Dey and Cortlandt streets, shows first responders and everyday New Yorkers. A fireman sprays a large heart with a hose, and the piece reads: "We Love New York." / WENDY JOAN BIDDLECOMBE, METRO

9/11 Fund reaches \$494M in claims

Downtown. After a slow start, the 9/11 Fund signed off on thousands of claims for people still recovering from the national tragedy.

The national fund created to help offset the medical costs of first responders and survivors of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks saw a surge in compensations after what observers described a sluggish start.

The 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund announced earlier this week it signed off on 7,885 claims found eligible and issued 1,843 compensation decisions.

In all, the fund's administrator Sheila Birnbaum

Moving forward

Last year, the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund was criticized for only awarding \$27 million of the nearly \$3 billion appropriated by Congress.

- Individuals who have

not yet applied for compensation through the fund can find out more about eligibility and file a claim on the Victim Compensation Fund website at www.vcf.gov.



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said in a statement that it approved \$494 million for those still recovering from

the national tragedy 13 years ago Thursday.

"But this somber anniversary is, for the fund, not a moment to pause but rather a reminder that we must increase our efforts and build on our recent progress," she said.

Benjamin Chevat of 9/11 Health Watch, a group that monitors the fund, says the VCF is headed in the right direction.

"They are definitely picking up speed," he said,

"and they've corrected a lot of the problems from when they first started."

Earlier this week, Chevat stood with local and federal legislators in front of the World Trade Center to pressure Congress to renew the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act approved in 2010 that pays for the fund. Parts of the law expire in 2015.

Chevat explained that while earlier 9/11 compensation funds were created to pay families of those lost in the attacks, the current fund has been harder to implement because of all the variables that go into evaluating illnesses.

"On a whole, though, we're seeing improvement," he added.



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NYC. Mom accused of killing autistic boy

Socialite Gigi Jordan murdered her autistic son to avoid dealing with his disorder, prosecutors said at her trial on Wednesday, but the defense said it was a mercy killing to protect the boy from being raped by his father.

"She wanted to ease his suffering," Allan Brenner, defense attorney

for Jordan, said at New York's Supreme Court in Manhattan.

Jordan, 54, is accused of overdosing her 8-year-old son, Jude Mirra, with prescription pills in a Manhattan hotel room.

But her lawyers argued she killed the boy to save him from sexual torture by his father. **REUTERS**

Brooklyn, Queens

NYC raccoons to receive rabies vaccination

Raccoons in Brooklyn and Queens will be vaccinated against rabies this month to prevent the spread of the disease by wildlife biologists from the USDA and Cornell University, according to the New York Department of Health and



Raccoon / GETTY IMAGES

Mental Hygiene.

Raccoons, along with bats and skunks, are a primary carrier of rabies in New York.

The raccoons will receive the oral rabies vaccine via bait set up in wooded areas along the southern Brooklyn and Queens borders. The vaccine cannot harm humans, according to the health department.

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Vendy Awards back for 10th birthday bash

Governors Island.

The best in NYC street food will be on display this weekend at the foodie event.

Event details

- This year's awards will take place Sept. 13 from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Governor's Island and food connoisseurs can purchase tickets online for \$95 for unlimited food and drinks.
- Based on last year's turnout, Muna estimates over 2,000 people will show up, a significant difference from the 100 people who first attended the event a decade ago.

It's the Oscars for street food vendors. The Vendy Awards, the popular food vendor cook-off, is back with a special celebration for its 10th birthday on Saturday at Governors Island.

In a never-before-seen showdown, past winners of the Vendy Cup — awarded by a panel of celebrity judges to the best street food — will be pitted against each other to win the Master Cup.

"It's a fun way to do a throwback," said Zenia Muna, Vendy Awards managing director.

Vendors facing off for the Master Cup are Hallo Berlin, winner of the first Vendy Cup, NY Dosas, Calexico, Solber Pupusas and King of Falafel, winner of both the Vendy Cup and the People's Choice Award in 2010.

Also different this year is the recipient of the Heroic Vendor Award. Started in 2011 to honor the ven-

First of kind

"At the time, there was nothing really like this. No Twitter or food truck rallies and people had no way of knowing about street food."

Zenia Muna

dor who spotted the Times Square car bomb, the award recognizes brave vendors. In a first, the food truck competition, will award a nonfood vendor.

"It's a big thing to have vendors work with police. Most would usually be worried about permits or getting harassed," explained Muna.

The honor will be bestowed on Barre Batchiri. In June, the cellphone vendor was attacked by Richard Pearson, the so-

called "Soho Wild Man" for his supposed violent outbursts, in front of 590 Broadway.

Pearson reportedly stabbed Batchiri, 60, with a pair of scissors, barely missing his heart. Despite the pain, Batchiri reportedly helped chased Pearson, aiding police with his capture.

"I still have pain. It's better than before — on and off," said Batchiri who is "in awe" of receiving the award.

A lot has changed since the celebration of street food started a decade ago with a few trucks in an East Village garage.

"At the time, there was nothing really like this. No Twitter or food truck rallies and people had no way of knowing about street food," Muna explained.

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Hungry customers wait in line for Itzy, the handcrafted ice cream vendor and winner of the 2013 Best Dessert at the Vendys. / CLAY WILLIAMS



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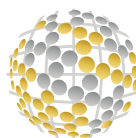
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Horse carriage supporters gain key advocate in City Council

Supporters of the horse carriage industry found an ally in Brooklyn Councilman Rafael Espinal on Wednesday.

The freshman City Council member stood in front of City Hall's steps sur-



Rafael Espinal talks to carriage drivers / WILLIAM ALATRISTE

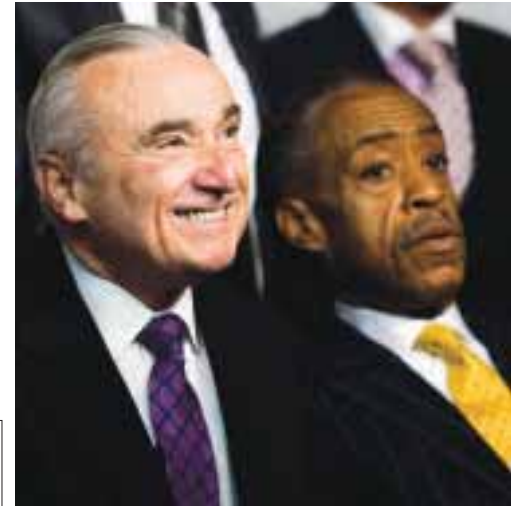
rounded by union leaders and carriage drivers in top hats to defend the industry from criticism lobbed by animal rights activist and elected leaders, most notably Mayor Bill de Blasio.

"For over 150 years the horse carriage industry has grown to employ 300 drivers, blacksmiths and stable workers," Espinal said, and that losing those jobs to a ban "is not something I can

answer for."

Espinal heads the Council's Consumer Affairs committee, through which many observers expected the bill to pass through before going to a vote given it typically handles similar industry oversight laws.

A ban on horse carriages was one of de Blasio's earliest campaign promises during the mayoral election. **CHESTER JESUS SORIA**



NYPD Commissioner Bill Bratton and Rev. Al Sharpton have worked together a number of times. / GETTY IMAGES

Bratton backs off on Sharpton 'devil' quote

Manhattan. The NYPD commissioner made the comment after being asked about a meeting with Rev. Sharpton.

Police Commissioner Bill Bratton walked back some words on Wednesday after he was asked about a recent sit-down between him and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

Speaking at a Crain's New York Business event, Bratton took a question about a roundtable when he sat on one side of Mayor Bill de Blasio and Sharpton.

"We live in very interesting times," Bratton responded to applause from the audience.

"The reality is over time he has emerged as a very significant leader and voice for people who

feel that they don't have a voice and they've been disenfranchised," he said before running down highlights of the city's safety record.

"I'll shake hands with the devil if necessary to keep this city calm, safe and secure," Bratton said.

After the forum, Bratton tried to clarify his statement.

"I've met with Mr. Sharpton frequently over the last 20 years, and we continue to meet," he said, "so that reference of meeting with the devil was not an implication of that term being applied to him."

In response, Sharpton told reporters Bratton had called to warn him about the comments and that he was not referring to the civil rights leader as a devil.



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Better relations

Bratton and Sharpton were a part of the roundtable to discuss police and community relations in the aftermath of the death of Staten Island man Eric Garner while in NYPD custody.

- The 43-year-old was seen being put in what appears to be a chokehold moments before dying from what the medical examiner's office ruled to be homicide.



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Manhattan

Goetz won't face weed charges

New York City's "Subway Vigilante," who made headlines in the 1980s for shooting four teenagers on a train, has had charges dismissed in a marijuana-dealing case, prosecutors said on Wednesday.

Bernhard Goetz, 66, was arrested in December for allegedly selling pot to an undercover police officer in Manhattan's Union Square Park.

A Civil Court judge dismissed the charges on grounds that prosecutors missed the deadline to pursue a trial. **REUTERS**



Goetz / GETTY IMAGES

NYC. Rivers was never given biopsy: Clinic



Joan Rivers died at age 81 on Sept. 4 in New York City. / GETTY IMAGES

The clinic where comedian Joan Rivers stopped breathing a week before her death denied on Wednesday ever administering general anesthesia or conducting a vocal cords biopsy that has been alleged in media reports as contributing to her demise.

It was the first time the Yorkville Endoscopy clinic issued a statement since Aug. 28, when Rivers was rushed to a nearby hospital from the center with cardiac arrest.

New York Daily News reported on Wednesday

that an unplanned vocal cord biopsy at the clinic had left the Brooklyn-born comedian unable to breathe.

In its statement, the clinic did not mention Rivers by name. "A biopsy of the vocal cords has never been performed at Yorkville Endoscopy," it said. "General anesthesia has never been administered."

The cause of Rivers' death is still unknown pending further tests, according to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner. **REUTERS**

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Obama unveils his strategy to eliminate ISIL

Funds. He urged Congress to approve \$500 million to provide more arms and training to rebel groups in Syria.

President Barack Obama vowed on Wednesday to attack Islamic State militants "wherever they exist" in a speech to Americans that laid out a strategy for expanding U.S. air strikes in Iraq and, for the first time, striking targets in Syria.

From the White House, Obama stressed that he will not send U.S. combat troops to fight the

al Qaeda-like group, and that the United States will act in concert with a broad coalition including Western allies and Arab states.

Islamic State, which the United States refers to as ISIL, has carved out what it calls a "caliphate" from broad areas in Iraq and Syria and uses savage methods.

"This counterterrorism campaign will be waged through a steady, relentless effort to take out ISIL wherever they exist using our air power and our support for partner forces on the ground," Obama said, opening the door to air strikes against ISIL in Syria.

Pursuing the Islamist militants inside Syria would complement an ex-

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"It's going to take time to eradicate a cancer like ISIL."

Obama

panded military campaign to back government forces in Iraq following the formation of a more inclusive government in Baghdad.

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NFL vows to look into report it had video months ago

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The incident is the latest in a series of embarrassments for the league.

The NFL said on Wednesday it was unaware of anyone connected to the league having received a video of former Ravens running back Ray Rice knocking out his then-fiancee before Monday, but said it would look into a report that one of its officials received the clip in April.

The Associated Press reported Wednesday afternoon that a law enforcement official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said he had sent the video of the February inci-

Quoted

"We are not aware of anyone in our office who possessed or saw the video before it was made public on Monday. ... We will look into it." Greg Aiello, NFL spokesman



Ray Rice / GETTY IMAGES

dent to a National Football League official in April.

The person reportedly played the AP a 12-second voice mail from an NFL office number confirming

the video arrived.

A female voice expresses thanks and says: "You're right. It's terrible," the AP reported.

The NFL suspended Rice indefinitely on Monday after the release of the video, taken inside an elevator in an Atlantic City casino, while the Ravens released him.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell on Wednesday said he did not believe his job was on the line over his handling of the case.

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Court

Topless activists acquitted in Paris Notre Dame raid

A French court acquitted nine women from the protest group Femen on Wednesday over a topless protest last year inside Paris' Notre Dame cathedral, a Catholic cathedral visited by millions every year.

The feminist activists mixed with hordes of queuing visitors to enter the 12th century church unspotted in 2013 — one day after Pope Benedict resigned — before bearing torsos painted with slogans such as "Pope No More" and "Get lost, homophobe."

"We are extremely happy with the decision," said Michael Ghnassia, a Femen defense lawyer.

The only convictions the court handed down, he said, were suspended fines imposed on three members of the Notre Dame security staff.

REUTERS

Judge is expected to rule in Pistorius murder trial today

Charged. The Paralympian shot his girlfriend to death through a bathroom door.

The judge in Oscar Pistorius' murder trial is expected to announce today whether she believes the Paralympian deliberately shot his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp or a person he thought to be an intruder, or fired as a reflex.

Judge Thokozile Masipa is slated to read her verdict at the high court in Pretoria, after a 41-day trial. While the prosecution maintains that Pistorius planned to kill Steenkamp after an argument, the defense says he mistook her for an intruder and her

Years in jail

25

If found guilty of planning to kill Steenkamp, Pistorius would face a minimum of 25 years in jail.

If found guilty, the state and defense will request time to compile evidence for sentencing. / GETTY IMAGES

Sentence

15

A verdict of murder without premeditation may carry a sentence of at least 15 years. A culpable homicide decision could mean as many as 15 years.

death was a "huge, unfortunate mistake."

Should Masipa agree with the defense's contention that the shooting was a reflex and the Paralympian lacked cognitive capacity, he could face a lesser sentence or even acquittal.

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David Cameron. 'Don't break my heart,' British PM begs Scots

British Prime Minister David Cameron on Wednesday begged Scots not to rip apart the United Kingdom's "family of nations," flying to Scotland to man the barricades against a surge in support for independence eight days before a referendum.

Cameron appealed to Scots to use their heads and their hearts when they voted on Sept. 18. He reminded them of their shared history and bonds with England, Wales and Northern Ireland — twice evoking World War II and the fight against Hitler.

"I would be heartbroken if this family of nations was torn apart," said Cameron, speaking to staff of the Scottish Widows financial institution in the capital of Edinburgh.

Cameron's visit was a sign of the panic that has gripped the British ruling elite over the possible disintegration of the 307-year-old union



David Cameron / GETTY IMAGES

Vote

53%

There was some relief for unionists when a poll released on Wednesday evening showed 53 percent of Scots would vote against a split.

47%

47 percent intending to opt for independence — unchanged from its last survey on Aug. 28.

since two polls in the past showed the campaign for independence, led by Alex Salmond's Scottish National Party, gaining support to run neck-and-neck with the "No" campaign — which, until a few weeks ago, was looking comfortably ahead.

The figures from the poll, carried out by Survation for the Daily Record newspaper, excluded 10 percent of undecided.

British deputy prime minister Nick Clegg, who leads the Liberal Democrats, and opposition Labour Party leader Ed Miliband also crossed the border on Wednesday to shore up support. All three parties have offered Scotland greater autonomy as an enticement to vote against independence.

The prime minister, whose job may be on the line if he loses Scotland, warned Scots a vote for secession would be forever.

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OMG! Mogeess will convert the vibrations that you make with any object into sound

London-based artist Bruno Zamborlin has created Mogeess, a new device that turns any object into a musical instrument. The attachable gizmo — funded through Kickstarter — works by picking up the vibrations from an object you come into contact with and converting them into sound via a smartphone app. “All music you hear really comes from the object,” the 30-year-old technology engineer told Metro. So desks, mugs and even gravestones can become your new guitar, drums and saxophone.

What inspired you to create Mogeess?

The idea was to add some gestures, visibility and live performance to electronic music. I made a prototype and played on bus stops, trees [and] balloons and posted a video of that on YouTube. It was really successful.



Want to turn a tree into a guitar? Mogeess can help. / MOGEES

So, a tree can become a guitar?

Sticking a Mogeess sensor to a window or a tree is like playing them. Yes, any object becomes your own instrument. The different way you touch it, the different way it sounds.

And the user can choose whether it'll be rap or indie?

The quantity of sounds you can produce is very, very big — percussion or tabla, strings or bells. Users can even create their own sounds. The genre also depends on person.

What is the sound difference between a coffee mug and a laptop?

A laptop will sound like metal. A cup like ceramic. It's very hard to describe it with words.

What's the sound of a person thinking?

No idea. [Laughs] When we think, our brain does not make any vibrations. But it'll be fun to listen.

If I touch a tombstone in a graveyard, will it produce sad music?

It can be fun if you like. There are no “special ingredients” for sad music. It all depends on the object and the way you play it.

And on person who touches it?

Yes, I've had people in different countries produce “table music” and they all got varying sounds.

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Question

Can I mix object sounds?

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Bieber gets bare at Fashion Week

These days, it's a surprise to wake up and not find a surprising story about Justin Bieber. The latest incident involves Canada's boy king receiving a less-than-friendly reception at the Fashion Rocks event in New York earlier this week and responding by stripping down to his underwear in some bizarre misapplication of the fight or flight instinct. Bieber was introducing



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singer Rita Ora alongside model Lara Stone when the crowd turned on him and he responded by baring nearly all. "Is that better?" he said. Justin, you shouldn't have to ask.

'Happy' and you know it



This ought to make him happy. Pharrell Williams' ubiquitous pop hit, "Happy," has officially become the most downloaded song of all time in the U.K., according to the Guardian. "The people of the U.K. have been so supportive of me over the years," Williams says. "That's the lifeline. Without them you're just a musician with a couple of ideas. But with them, that is the thing that changes everything when they get involved: Your little idea can become something." Yes: something a lot of people will download.

Cara Delevingne kicks it with pork

Cara Delevingne's love of bacon apparently outweighs her aversion to horrific pain, as the model revealed a new tattoo dedicated to the most delicious food ever ... on the bottom of her foot! Delevingne posted an Instagram photo of the new tat along with the caption "It happened" — which, come to think of it, could be the caption for every post on Instagram. The tattoo, by the way, is just the word bacon with an ellipsis after. I do love me some good, well-placed punctuation, so good on you, Cara. The photo demonstrates some other interestingly positioned body art, such as the lion on her right pointer finger. What purpose does that serve? Is it to point, "Hey, you!" and then "ROAR"?

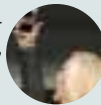


Did Cara Delevingne take the whole "This Little Piggy" thing to its logical conclusion with this tattoo on her foot? / INSTAGRAM

Talking point

Stefani emails for life's big moments

Because of her busy schedule, Gwen Stefani had to inform husband Gavin Rossdale via email that she was pregnant with their third child, Rossdale reveals. "I got this email on the road, from Gwen, and the title was in capitals, 'Look what you did to me now,'" Rossdale says. "And I opened the email, and it was the pregnancy stick."



Twitter feed

Today, Marlon Wayans has no time for rest, Joss Whedon is hopeful, and Joel David Moore has a new cause..

@MarlonWayans: Headed home. Quick trip, got a lot done. The grind continues... I'm in that gym soon as I land

@josswhedon: The best thing an artist can hope for is a moment of certainty.

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Another side of Jessica Chastain

Interview. The actress wanted more of the female perspective in "The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby."

Jessica Chastain's star status since her breakthrough in 2011 (the year of "The Help" and more) helped pave the way to the making of "The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby," a three-film drama about a woman who leaves her husband (James McAvoy) after the death of their son. One of the three films is about her ("Her"), and there's one on him ("Him"). The third, which mashes them up ("Them"), hits theaters first; "Her" and "Him" have October release dates.

1 She encouraged writer-director Ned Benson to split his original script into two films: "I told him that I loved [her character] and I loved the script



James McAvoy and Jessica Chastain star in "The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby: Them," out Friday.
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— I just wished there was more of the female perspective. It felt like she was there to serve the story. Then he decided to write about her. I never had someone write me a movie."

2 Her performance is different in each film: "I felt I had to play two different characters. I play Eleanor Rigby in 'Her' and I play his perspective of Eleanor Rigby in 'Him.' Most of the time as actresses we're asked to play the perception of a female character, rather than a full-blooded human being. This

film challenges the status quo."

3 Her other main contribution to the film: "Eleanor cutting her hair off [after leaving McAvoy's Connor], that's one thing I will say I suggested to Ned. It's intrinsically female. Everyone says if you get pregnant or you lose your job or you break up, don't cut your hair. For some reason women want to lop off all their hair when something happens in their lives, and they always regret it. I thought this is definitely female, we should do it."

4 The 'Rigby' films ('Her,' especially) are very feminine: "There's a bunch of women on screen together, caring for each other and not spending their time talking about a male protagonist. That's what makes me happy about this film — it's not just my incredible character I get to play — it's [co-stars] Viola Davis and Jess Weixler and Isabelle Huppert. It passes [The Bechdel Test] with flying colors."



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The heavy stuff

On some people finding Eleanor unlikely

"I think humans aren't so different from animals. We are animals. I thought of her like a wounded animal. There's something about a wounded animal, if they're hurt, sometimes if you go near the wound they'll snap at you and try to bite you. It's not anything except instinct. Eleanor's wound is huge. If someone reminds her of this thing that happened in her past, she's going to kill herself. The only way she can move forward is to move forward. Any time someone tries to get near her wound, she'll bite them. I didn't see it as a selfish thing. I saw it as self-protection. As Bill Hader's character says [in the film], any time anyone is flirting with extinction, you need to be selfless with them and give them the space they're asking for."



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1 **'No Good Deed'** The drought of big Hollywood movies ends with a dodgy-looking thriller the studio won't screen for critics. Taraji P. Henson leads an overqualified cast as a woman plagued by a creepy stranger played by Idris Elba.

2 **'Dolphin Tale 2'** Perhaps you thought the first "Dolphin Tale" — about a tail-less dolphin who gets a tail — rather overextended a story barely meaty enough for "60 Minutes." Apparently, you were wrong. This time she needs a new female companion, a story that evidently requires two more hours.

3 **'The Drop'** James Gandolfini's final performance is in this Dennis Lehane movie, with Tom Hardy as a man caught in the middle of a robbery that exposes typically Lehane-ian rifts in his urban neighborhood.

4 **'The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby: Them'** There are three full movies in this grief saga, starring Jessica Chastain and James McAvoy as a couple who splits after their child dies. "Him" and "Her," which follow each one individually, will be out next month. If you can't wait, this one smashes them together into a two-hour drama.



Whoops! Terrific actor Idris Elba accidentally turns up in the thriller "No Good Deed."
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Metro rounds up what's in cinemas this week.

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5 **'The Skeleton Twins'** Kristen Wiig and Bill Hader team up to do a more serious kind of comedy, playing unhappy twins who reunite after both try suicide.

6 **'Atlas Shrugged Part III: Who is John Galt?'** In the kind of irony you just can't make up, the trilogy tackling Ayn Rand's pro-free market doorstep has been roundly rejected by the free market. And yet here's the conclusion anyway.

7 **'The Green Prince'** In a fit of good/scary timing, this documentary looks at the son of a founding member of Hamas who agreed to become a spy for the Israelis.

8 **'Stray Dogs'** Few do punishing super-long takes like Taiwan's Tsai Ming-liang ("What Time is it There?"), and his latest — which takes an increasingly surreal look at the poor — features a handful of his greatest doozies.

9 **'The Guardians of the Galaxy'** The year's top moneymaker has bounced back to the top of the box office thrice already, underlining how there just aren't any movies anyone wants to watch these days. Good thing it's good — the most eccentric of the Marvels.

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'X' factor. Ed Sheeran may be the singer/songwriter of his generation, but he's not sure.

On pop charts populated by rappers and dance floor divas, a 23-year-old Brit with an acoustic guitar stands out. Ed Sheeran, whose sophomore album, "X" peaked at the No. 1 position on the Billboard 200 earlier this summer, says he likens his popularity to a niche that needs to be filled.

"I think there is one singer/songwriter for every generation," he says. "I guess I'm just this generation's one."

This statement is characteristic of Sheeran in conversation. There's an element of the grandiosity one needs to become a pop star, but there's also

a healthy dose of humility and even a trace of self-doubt. He says the phrase "I guess" about as often as he sings about being drunk. Sheeran's music is also rife with these levels of certainty.

"I like a lot of different types of music, and I like trying them out, I guess," he says. "I never want to be a one-trick pony, even if I don't master the other crafts."

On his latest single, "Don't," he mixes his natural sense of melody with rap, fuzzy bass, delicate falsetto backgrounds and

a sing-along chorus that seems to be missing a certain word.

"That was always the original intention to put it on the record with the swear," he says of the chorus, which was originally "don't f— with my love." Why did he change it? Fear it wouldn't receive airplay? Concern that the swear would make the tale of infidelity sound too mean? Nope. It was an eventful cab ride from L.A. to Malibu.

"I was chatting with the driver," recounts Sheeran. "We were talking for about an hour and then he said his daughter was a fan and I said, 'Hey can I play you some new stuff?' ... On that song he thought I swore too much, so I took it off for him, I guess."

Elsewhere on "X," Sheeran raps about Bon Iver and croons soulfully about how he'll be loving the subject of his song long after "the crowds don't



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Sheeran says a cab driver persuaded him to rethink some of his lyrics. / BEN WATTS

remember my name." What's that about?

"Everyone's got their kind of time slot, depending on how long your audience wants to make your time slot," he says, "so I'm just going to keep going until it starts to fade away, I guess."



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'Don't' ask that

One thing you won't get Sheeran to discuss is who the subject of "Don't" is.

Pointing to the lyric, "me and her, we make money the same way," many were quick to suggest when "X" was

first released that it was about Ellie Goulding, with whom Sheeran had been spotted at a few public outings. So who is it about? "No one's got an answer out of me out of me yet," he says, indicating that this interview will be no different.

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The teenager who calls herself Lorde talks about her banner year, her careful spending and the nature of celebrity.

Within the past 12 months, Ella Yelich-O'Connor has watched her debut single reach No. 1 and her debut album go platinum in the States and in her native New Zealand. She has sung a Nirvana song with surviving members of the band and watched Bruce Springsteen cover her biggest hit. But despite this meteoric rise in popularity, the 17-year-old who calls herself Lorde promises she hasn't caved into the indulgences she criticized in "Royals," the song that first put her on the map around this time last year — at least, not all of them.

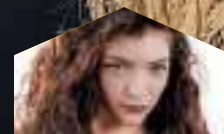
What's the most hypocritical thing you've done with your fame? The first line in "Royals" is "I've never seen a diamond in the flesh," but surely you have by now. Well, I have, because my mom got engaged to my dad, so I've seen one of those now! ... But to be honest, I try

to live as normally and simply as I can, because it's still kind of weird to me, all the extravagance you see in this business.

So you haven't trashed a hotel room yet? No Grey Goose or trippin' in the bathroom? Not only do I not trash hotel rooms, but I actually try to clean them before I leave. Because I'm like, "Nobody should have to clean up my mess!"

Out of all the experiences you've been a part of in the past year, what stands out the most? People always ask me that, and I often struggle to find something because when you are in these crazy situations every day, you just have to find a way to make them normal, because if you don't, you're just going to go insane.

Well, let's talk about the highlights. Performing with the surviving members of Nirvana must have



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been up there. Oh yeah, for sure! That all happened really fast. I mean, so fast that I didn't even have time to be like, "What am I doing here with St. Vincent, Joan Jett and Kim Gordon?" It was so amazing, but I'm so thankful that I did it and I was so lucky that they

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thought of me.

How about Springsteen covering you? That was like the most amazing thing that has ever happened to me! [Laughs] Now you're bringing up all of these things and I'm realizing that these were really big deals. I maybe cried and got super emotional. I was like, "It's all coming full circle!"

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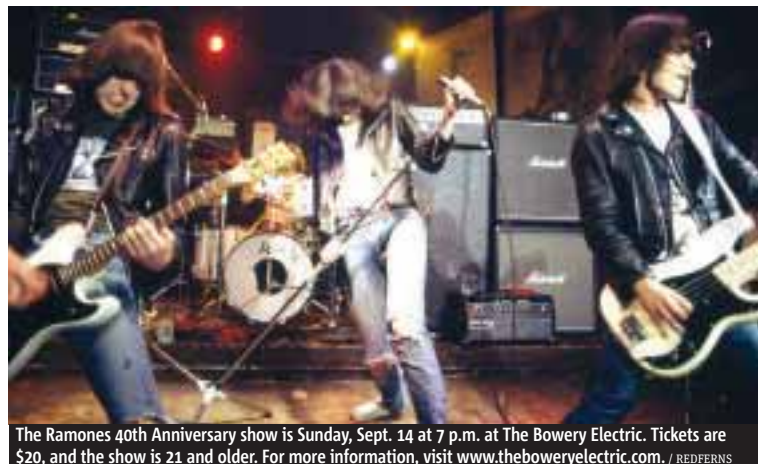
Hey! Ho! Let's bro!

Ramones. Cheetah Chrome recalls befriending the iconic band on the eve of a 40th anniversary show at The Bowery Electric.

Johnny, Joey, Dee Dee and Tommy were four kids from Queens, dressed in torn-up jeans and black leather jackets who took the same surname and crafted three-chord, two-minute songs unlike anything the world had heard before. Touring constantly for the next 20 years, the Ramones overcame personnel changes — Tommy left in 1977 and was replaced by Marky — infighting and a lack of mainstream success to still become one of the most influential bands of the past 50 years.

The Bowery Electric will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the band's first show on the Bowery on Sunday, Sept. 14. Among those expected to take the stage to belt out some punk classics are Handsome Dick Maniotoba (The Dictators), Walter Lure (Johnny Thunders and The Heartbreakers) and former Dead Boys guitarist Cheetah Chrome.

Chrome remembers the first time he and his bandmates met the Ra-



The Ramones 40th Anniversary show is Sunday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. at The Bowery Electric. Tickets are \$20, and the show is 21 and older. For more information, visit www.theboweryelectric.com. / REDFERN

mones: It was July 20, 1976 at the Tomorrow Club in Youngstown, Ohio. Dead Boys frontman Stiv Bators struck up a friendship with Joey Ramone, who urged the band to come out to New York City and play. He said he could get them a show at famed punk club CBGBs.

The main Ramone lied to the club's owner and booker: "He said he'd seen us play," recounts Chrome. "He hadn't heard us. He was going strictly on the way we looked and personality. He figured we'd be good."

So the Dead Boys got on stage without having to audition first, a rarity at CBGBs. And to help support the new out-of-towners, Joey Ramone brought a bunch of his friends out to

the show.

"They brought a lot of support for us," says Chrome. "It made the first gig there a lot less nerve-wracking. After the show, we all went out and hung out with all these people and made some friendships."

All proceeds from Sunday's show will benefit Love Hope Strength, a foundation that focuses on building and supporting cancer centers around the world, boosting awareness of global cancer needs and expanding international bone marrow databases.



CHEETAH CHROME PLAYS A SOLO ACOUSTIC SET AT 10 P.M. AT NIAGRA. HE PLAYS WITH HIS BAND FRIDAY AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE BOWERY ELECTRIC. GETTY IMAGES

The songs

Punk Beatles

It's no mystery to Chrome why the Ramones remain popular 40 years after they came together.

"They're like the punk Beatles," he says. "The thing was their songs were really good. They were written really good. They were funny. They had good lyrics."

"They were very accessible to people. ... You can play them for a toddler. You put a Rolling Stones record, a Beatles record

and they're like, 'Um, OK.' You put on a Ramones record and they start dancing. They just get happy and start dancing when they hear the Ramones. They just strike a chord."

Chrome's favorite song? "The KKK Took My Baby Away."

"It's just a great song," he says.



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Cast a wide net

A numbers game



Because of the way online dating works, the best thing anyone can do is message as many people as possible. "I would err on the side of emailing more people," she advises. "Getting six out of 20 responses is better than just getting three out of 10."

Modern dating.

Here's how to break the online messaging cycle.

It's a problem that anyone who has ever used an online dating site has faced at one point or another: what to write in that all-important first message.

"There are three key ingredients to a good message," says Erika Ettin, a dating coach and the author of the new book "Love at First Site." Here's how Ettin breaks it down:

- 1 Talk about something in his or her profile.
- 2 Say how that relates to you.
- 3 Always end with a question.

"Obviously humor always helps too," she adds.



It's not a relationship if you never meet in person. / DIGITAL VISION

Ettin offers these suggestions for singles looking for love online.

You have to go on an actual date

"The fewer the messages the better," says Ettin. "I suggest only have one email back and forth before suggesting to meet." Ettin adds that she usually recommends that the person who sends the original email be the one who asks the other out.

Don't text

"I would not recommend texting before you meet in person," says

Ettin. "It gives you a false sense of intimacy, which creates obstacles to your first date."

Be realistic

Ettin says she sees too many people who go for weeks or months exchanging messages before going on a real date. "I call it having an e-relationship versus having a relationship," Ettin explains.

If you are ever in a situation where you feel like you are chatting endlessly with no end in sight, Ettin says that being blunt is appropriate. "I would say, 'I am really enjoying these emails, why don't we get coffee?'"

The next step is to suggest

two possible days for a date.

Brush your shoulders off

Because online dating can be stressful and people can be flaky, Ettin says it's important for daters to not get too upset or anxious when messages go unanswered. "The thing I used to tell myself was that we don't know why people don't answer," Ettin points out. "You can't take it personally."



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Love letters

A sample opening message

Let's say you find a profile in which the user mentions that they play tennis. Ettin suggests sending this message:

"Hi! I came across your profile and I thought it was interesting — especially the part where you mention that you play tennis. I used to play too, but it's been a while. Do you play competitively?"

A friendly question is the perfect way to spark a conversation.



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Rodarte

Rodarte just dropped the mic on fashion week. After last season's esoteric tribute to "Star Wars" — really, how many women would wear a gown emblazoned with a giant Luke Skywalker? — sisters Kate and Laura Mulleavy's dazzling spring outing mixed the right amount of fantasy with commercial appeal. The show opened with a series of ruffled chiffon blouses paired with skinny-skinny high-waisted jeans or skirts constructed with a mish-mash of denim, knit and netting. Cool, boxy anoraks — some embellished with net, others with paillettes — topped the looks. But that was just the warm-up. The sisters' talent for cutting and pasting couture elements (like hand-embroidered lace, sequins



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and crystals) until they create a breathtaking collage hit its crescendo with a series of sparkling gowns in seafoam, aqua and navy (inspired by tide pools they visited as children).

The show's dreamlike back-drop brought to mind another iconic '80s film: "The NeverEnding Story." These ladies definitely hold on to Fantasia. **TINA CHADHA**



Reviews



Designer:

Diesel Black Gold

The look: Rockabilly chick

The runway: Most designers have been abandoning the classic blue jean for culottes this season. But denim is Diesel's bread and butter, and its Black Gold presentation had it in spades, in high-waisted skinny jeans and A-line skirts in dark washes or dyed bright red and baby blue. There were also lace-up bra tops, leather skirts and jackets with metal studs and minidresses in an all-over star print.

Insta-worthy: Samsung's new smartwatch, which made its debut on this runway

The takeaway: Don't toss your skinny jeans yet!
RAQUEL LANERI



The designer:

Tory Burch

The look: Island romance

The runway: Forget Ikat—Tory Burch showed fresh, island-inspired prints (colorful basket weave, soothing shibori and happy cypress leaves) over relaxed silhouettes (slouchy pencil skirts, fringed shorts and roomy tunics) that brought a bohemian, laid-back vibe to her sophisticated career girl.

Insta-worthy: The striped, fringe crochet skirt screams from-the-beach-to-the-boardroom.

The takeaway: Prepare to embrace prints and color. **TC**



The designer:

J. Crew

The look: City girl exhales

The runway: Could J.Crew's love affair with sequins be over? The brand certainly backed off for spring. Designer Tom Mora explained that summer months are for relaxation. That sentiment came across in the oversized and easy shorts, jackets and button-downs, most of which were fastened with drawstrings and boasted just-pulled-out-of-the-suitcase wrinkles. And for those who love the glitter, Mora, citing Ibiza as an inspiration, tricked out a piece or two.

Insta-worthy: The anoraks

The takeaway: Expect to sport looser clothing. **TC**



The designer:

Cynthia Rowley

The look: Party girl

The runway: The Cynthia Rowley girl just wants to have fun, and the designer offered plenty of clothes to aid her in that mission — from swinging trapeze dresses in big, bright florals to matching tunic and flared pants sets. The presentation also included Rowley's debut line of activewear, featuring colorful tracksuits and cute biking spandex.

Insta-worthy: The gold bicycle helmet, a hit among all the Brooklyn-based editors in attendance

The takeaway: Bold prints are in for spring. **RL**



Marc by Marc Jacobs

Marc by Marc Jacobs designers Luella Bartley and Katie Hillier transported showgoers back to the 1990s with a paean to British rave culture complete with trippy neon installation, electronic house music and Bjork-inspired top knots for the models. The clothes, however — bright white windbreakers, XXL graphic T-shirts, plastic-y polka-dotted separates and shrunken backpacks — wouldn't look out of place at a Bushwick loft party today. **RL**

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Dining

Special events

Nobu turns 20

Nobu's flagship Tribeca location will mark 20 years of intelligent seafood with a one-night omakase menu, 20 Years in 20 Bites, celebrating the restaurant's classics paired with cocktail pairings.

Sept. 17, \$120
105 Hudson St.

Mixology

Become a bourbon boss at Experimental Cocktail Club's master class. Head bartender Damien Aries will take you behind the bar for a back-to-basics session, as well as innovative cocktails like the Celtic Smash.

Sept. 17, 7 p.m., \$65
191 Chrystie St.

Eat. See. Play.

This dinner series kicks off with a four-course meal of "edgy American" fare from chef Jesse Schenker in The Gander's private dining room. The price includes craft beers, wine and a signature cocktail.

Sept. 23, 24, \$150
15 W. 18th St.

Tasting menu

Huertas chef-owner Jonah Miller, just named one of Zagat's 30 Under 30 on the New York food scene, is expanding his lauded four-course tasting menu to a fifth course that will "show the breadth of modern Spanish cuisine."

\$55-\$85
107 First Ave.

Get it while it's hot

Openings. Find something different at one of the city's newest eats.

Seoul Kitchen

Chaz Brown (Fatty Crab) has turned landlubber at this Lower East Side wing bar. Fusing East Asia with the South, fried chicken (with a gluten-free option) dominates the menu with sauce combinations like Sriracha/honey and fish sauce/garlic. Sides include kimchi fries with miso aioli and Singing rock shrimp. **71 Clinton St.**



There are more ways to eat chicken wings than with Buffalo sauce. / JUSTINE DUNGO

Sachi Asian Bistro

Andy Yang of the Michelin-starred Rhong-Tiam cooks up reimagined versions of familiar Asian dishes, both street food and classics. Dim sum and sushi are joined by eel tacos and triple pork fried black rice (pork belly, Chinese sausage, bacon). Stay for the desserts by Pichet Ong (Jean Georges) and a cocktail menu that continues the same-but-different philosophy with drinks like Gun Powder Bramble with tea-infused bourbon. **713 Second Ave.**

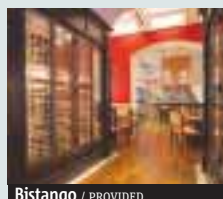
Egg Shop

The humble breakfast staple breaks out of its rut

Italian

Bistango

The Kimberly Hotel in Midtown is home to the third branch of Bistango after its previous expansion just this April. The food is Italian and the mood is casual, with healthy dishes (the Caesar salad is made with kale) and gluten-free options that change sea-



Bistango / PROVIDED

sonally — along with the art on the walls. Closed Sundays. **145 E. 50th St.**

on a menu that includes pulled pork carnitas and buttermilk fried chicken. The tastes remain as approachable (and affordable) as their inspiration, and all eggs are organic and sourced within 80 miles of the restaurant. There's also a full bar with, for those who can't get

past eggs as a brunch food, a range of Bloody Marys. **151 Elizabeth St.**

Anejo Tribeca

The neighborhood welcomes another "Top Chef" alum as Season 7 runner-up Angelo Sosa opens the

second iteration of his popular Hell's Kitchen restaurant, serving a short menu of small plates. The vaults here don't hold wine — tequila ages in three barrels, which will be cracked open at the restaurant's one-year anniversary party. **301 Church St.**

Birds & Bubbles

Want Champagne (more than 40 varieties, served in a dedicated Champagne Room!) with your friend chicken? Chef Sarah Simmons is serving up elevated Southern classics at this new Lower East Side spot with a 30-seat courtyard. Most of the dishes were developed and tested during special dinners at her restaurant City

Grit, and will be seasonal. Brunch is coming soon. **100B Forsyth St.**

BV's Grill

Eat outdoors while you still can on a promenade as well as a streetside cafe at this new modern American spot, where yellowfin tuna tartare sits alongside veal meatball marinara on the menu. The full bar occupies the center of the space, with 360 seating. **919 Third Ave.**

The Back Room at One57

Sebastien Archambault's upscale American grill menu with dry-aged steak at its heart keeps the preparations simple. Seafood (mostly lobster) also gets a turn, and attached cocktail lounge The Living Room focuses on Champagne. **153 W. 57th St.**

Blossom Du Jour

The quick-serve vegan restaurant, known for its Seitan Philly Cheese Steak and Smoky Avocado sandwich, is opening a fourth location on the Upper West Side, serving cold-pressed juices and, because the menu is meat-free not fun-free, desserts. **449 Amsterdam Ave.**



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But it's not easy to pry people away from their



Rules (and routines) are meant to be broken. / PROVIDED

normal lives. A PR said they call between 20 and 40 people in each city to fill a handful of spots.

The promotion doesn't

end until Sunday, so sign up at www.routineinterruptions.com, then cross your fingers — and make sure you answer that unknown number.

Even if you're not among the lucky few interrupted this summer, there's plenty of vicarious fun to be had in Heineken's adventure experiments on its YouTube channel. Maybe it'll remind you to notice the extraordinary and seize opportunities, even when they seem inconvenient. **EVA KIS**

Diary

My Routine Interruption

The brief email arrived the night before: Am I free at 10 p.m. tomorrow?

It's more notice than contest winners receive — those phone calls are



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typically made in the late morning or early afternoon the day of the event. Between covering Metro's Wellbeing and Going Out sections, my days are booked from morning (trying out new exercise classes) to night (openings and events). So while I'd known about Heineken's contest, I hadn't entered. But my appreciation for surprises (and a little rebellion against the tyranny of my day planner) made me say yes.

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Take in the flavors of Gramercy in the second year of this street fair. / PROVIDED

Performance

BEAT Festival Opening Night

Sept. 11, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn Museum
200 Eastern Parkway
Free, 718-638-5000
www.beatbrooklyn.com
Bring your rhythm to the preview night of the weeklong performance arts celebration that begins Saturday (at Green-Wood Cemetery!). Aja Monet, Bed-Stuy Veterans, Shirel Jones and others will give you a taste of the event's third year.

Sound Syndrome

Sept. 11-27, 8 p.m.
BAX/Brooklyn Arts Exchange
421 Fifth Ave., Park Slope
\$20, 718-832-0018
www.getsoundsyndrome.com
It's the year 2032 and SoHo is not quite the same as we once knew it. The city's been hit with a plague — symptoms include strange illusions when hearing music. Many believe it to be media propaganda, but an underground group is spreading the word that it is indeed real, with victims sharing their stories.

Music

Elliot Brood

Sept. 17, 7 p.m.
Rockwood Music Hall Stage 2,
196 Allen St., 212-477-4155;
21+, Free, www.rockwoodmusicall.com
The Canadian alt-country trio and 2013 Juno Award winners will preview songs from their latest album, "Work and Love," to be released Oct. 14. Steeped in three-part harmonies and retro instrumentation, the band's eclectic sound translates into a live show that will leave you surprised it's just three guys up on the stage. **BRIAN HORGEA**



Elliott Brood are, from left, Casey Laforet, Mark Sasso and Stephen Pitkin. / PROVIDED

NY's Funniest Reporter Show

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Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Kaufmann Concert Hall
1395 Lexington Ave.
\$30, www.92y.org
The latest dystopian YA novel to get a film adaptation, "The Maze Runner," is like "The Hunger Games" meets "Lord of the Flies." The film premieres Sept. 19, but you can get a sneak peek during a panel discussion with the film's stars, "Teen Wolf's" Dylan O'Brien and Jacob Latimore, and author James Dashner, who will sign books after the event.

Media

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Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m.
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The Weekly Yelp. Best boba teas

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One of the most authentic bubble tea spots I have encountered. My favorite drink is the original pearl milk tea with 70% sugar and sometimes basil seeds added in. It's



one of a kind! **SHANNON Z.**

Kung Fu Tea

73 Chrystie St., Chinatown
The tapioca balls are always cooked perfectly, not too firm, not too soft. When I take a sip, it brightens up my day. **TRICIA K.**



Boba Life NYC

11 Pell St., Chinatown
I ordered a large Oreo Bubble Tea with tapioca, mango star



jelly and yogurt popping bubbles. It was seriously one of the greatest bubble tea experiences. **JOSHEL M.**

Chatime

240 Canal St., Chinatown
I got the red bean milk bubble tea with 30% ice and sugar. It reminds me of traditional Hong Kong milk tea that is just sublime. **ANNIE Y.**



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Horoscope

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Don't lend or borrow anything today. Go over your banking records to make sure you haven't overestimated your balance.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Make the most of your day, regardless of what others say. Take control and show everyone what you are capable of doing. Your intuition will lead you.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. You will not get far by being a spectator. Get involved in events that will help shape your future. Leave time for romance.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Expect the unexpected. Don't stop or let anyone sidetrack you. It's up to you to stay on track to reach your goal.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Don't let your emotions goad you into making a costly mistake. You know what has to be done in order to get ahead.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Don't let past mistakes hold you back. Chalk them up to experience and get on with your life. Put entertainment in your schedule to boost your spirits.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Tie up loose ends. Finish half-completed projects. Procrastination is the enemy and will stand in the way of your future goals.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Your patience will be tested. Stay calm and observe what's going on. Be the mediator, not the dictator.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. It won't do you any good to force your ideas on others. Surround yourself with friends, and avoid getting into competitive, harmful situations.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Love is on the rise. Your instincts will be strong, and you will know just how to win people over. Trust your intuition.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. You will have a tendency to be overly dramatic. If you practice patience, the solution will come to you, so don't waste your energy.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Your high energy level has you headed in the right direction. Don't slow down; you must keep your goals in sight if you wish to fulfill your dreams. **EUGENIA LAST**

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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	6	4				3	9	
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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Crossword

Across

- 1 Coin-toss result
- 6 Broad comedy
- 11 Two-timer
- 14 Kayak's kin
- 15 From the top
- 16 Tokyo, once
- 17 Not clear
- 18 — to my ears
- 19 Macho motorcycle
- 20 TV deletion
- 22 Rhett's Scarlett
- 24 Gossipy paper
- 28 Unmanned spacecraft
- 29 Mountaineer's tool (2 wds.)
- 30 Hard sell, maybe
- 32 Hauls along
- 33 False alarm
- 35 Pond makers
- 39 Iowa, to Jacques
- 40 — — tree falls ...
- 41 Fit of pique
- 42 Not admit to
- 43 Cut flowers
- 45 It's west of Ark.
- 46 "The — Sanction"
- 48 Semi
- 50 Filmom's Sam Spade
- 53 With least slack
- 54 Missouri range
- 55 Goes soft
- 57 — de guerre
- 58 Optimal

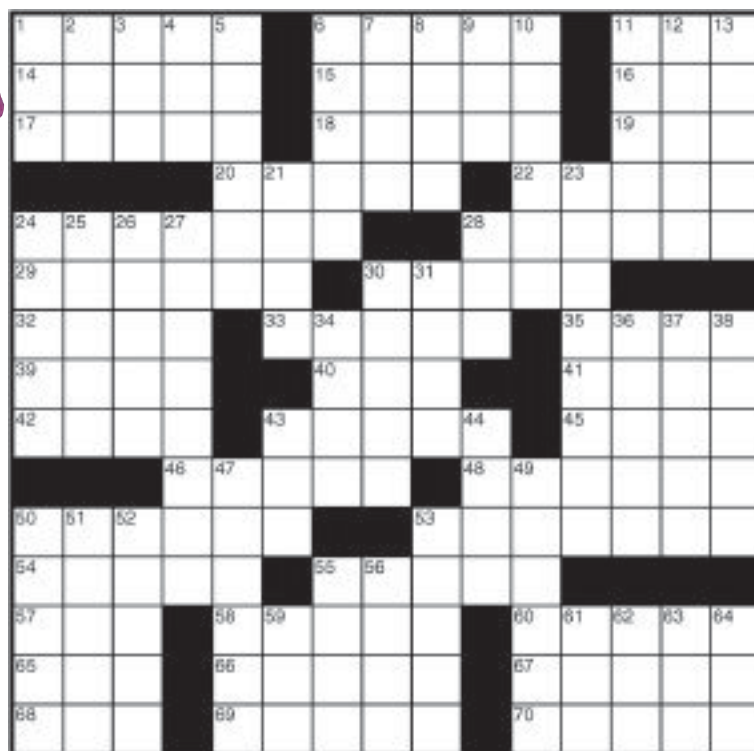
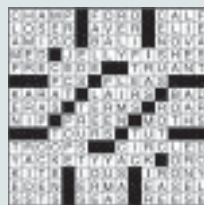
- 60 Closes violently
- 65 Lioness prey
- 66 Brain messenger
- 67 Specks
- 68 Fix the table
- 69 DNA components
- 70 Down the hatch

Down

- 1 Sing wordlessly
- 2 Flightless bird
- 3 Facilitate
- 4 Pop
- 5 Step up from the bleachers
- 6 Widely known
- 7 Malaria symptom
- 8 Rough file
- 9 LI doubled
- 10 Repeat performance
- 11 Betty Ford program
- 12 Love madly
- 13 Roman garments
- 21 Embroiders, maybe
- 23 Manages to survive (2 wds.)
- 24 Like a mosaic
- 25 Sharp
- 26 Commenced
- 27 Fairly recently (2 wds.)
- 28 Bakery buy
- 30 More secure
- 31 Baby buggy, in London



Yesterday's answer



Letters

Media should do more educating and less entertaining

Would you please tell me why reporters don't want to communicate like teachers? Look at the federal tax code.

There have been many news reports on the tax code since the 1986 reforms, and everyone knows that the code has been repeatedly corrupted by lobbyists.

But the voters have never done anything to stop Congress from creating at least one new tax deduction for every special interest group with enough money for

many large campaign contributions. So all of the hard work by the reporters was an almost complete waste of time.

Their only positive accomplishment was the money they earned for entertaining both voters and politicians with gotchas.

Reporters are entertaining customers instead of educating voters.

Even surveys by the news media and by comedians with people standing in line at the polls to vote have shown repeatedly that most voters are too ignorant to vote intelligently.

STANLEY KRAUTER, VIA EMAIL

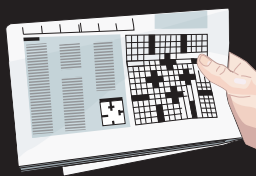
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Rice fallout

NOW calls for Goodell to resign

The calls for NFL commissioner Roger Goodell's head extended to the National Organization of Women on Wednesday. The group called on Goodell to resign over the scandal involving Ravens running back Ray Rice. The former Pro Bowler was suspended indefinitely after video of him punching his wife came to light. "The NFL has lost its way," NOW president Terry O'Neill said. "It doesn't have a Ray Rice problem; it has a violence against women problem."

Like an annual sign of autumn, the panic sets in quickly for fantasy football owners. It wouldn't be the Monday after Week 1 if someone didn't want to trade Eddie Lacy for Brandin Cooks.

We don't want to sleep on important things we learned in Week 1, like how Zach Ertz's usage makes him the real deal and Le'Veon Bell's weight loss has made him far quicker. But we also don't want to overreact to fluky first impressions.

Smitty surprises

Expected to play the role-playing Kevin Walter spot in Gary Kubiak's offense, Steve Smith instead erupted in his first game as a Raven for seven catches, 118 yards and a touchdown on a whopping 15 targets. It wasn't nearly as good as it sounds. Smith took advantage of a blown coverage on a broken play to nab an 80-yard touchdown, meaning his other 14 targets produced six catches and 38 yards. That's the kind of inefficiency that got the 35-year-old cut in Carolina. Smith is an excellent sell-high candidate, while Torrey Smith makes for a nice buy-low.

JC's resurrection

Andy Reid knows he screwed up Sunday. He gave Jamaal Charles seven carries and four targets in a game the Chiefs started



Jamaal Charles had just seven carries for Andy Reid in Week 1. / GETTY IMAGES

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Donnie Avery and Frankie Hammond at wideout. It was "negligence," something Reid admitted Monday. Pessimists will want to poke holes in Charles through a weak

offensive line and a defense that will put them behind more this season, but we're splitting hairs here. JC is the centerpiece of this offense in every situation. If someone is

selling, I'm buying.

Davis does Dallas

When the schedule came out, I pegged Vernon Davis as a sell-high candidate after Week 1. Predictably, he ripped Dallas' "defense" for four catches, 44 yards and two touchdowns. Also predictably, he was only targeted six times. We knew volume was going to be an issue as the 49ers' run-heavy scheme has a lot of mouths to feed. In the eight games Michael Crabtree played last year, Davis had just 4.6 targets per game.

NFL matchups

Avoid these borderline players in Week 2.

- **Philip Rivers, QB, Chargers** — The Seahawks have flattened Aaron Rodgers, Peyton Manning and Colin Kaepernick in their last three games. Rivers is next man up.
- **Rueben Randle, WR, Giants** — There's zero chemistry between Randle and Eli Manning as evidenced by their futile effort in Detroit.
- **Trent Richardson, RB, Colts** — The offense runs far smoother when Ahmad Bradshaw is playing over the former Brown.

Pickups of the week

Grab these guys off the waiver wire:

- **Terrance West, RB, Browns**: Ben Tate's latest injury will cost him two to four weeks.
- **Brian Quick, WR, Rams**: The light is finally coming on for a favorite of the metrics crowd.
- **Larry Donnell, TE, Giants**: A locked starter who gets a dream matchup with Arizona.

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Got his back

Vick: Ray Rice 'deserves a second chance'

Michael Vick wants former Raven running back Ray Rice to know he has a friend in the Jets quarterback.

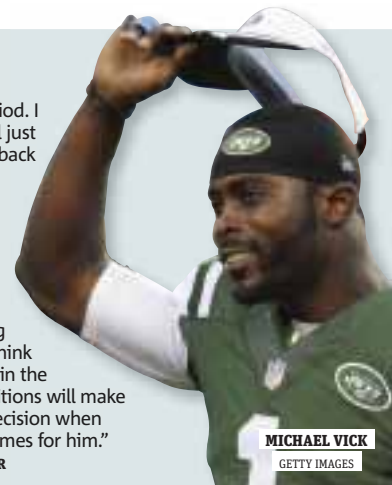
Rice is out of the NFL after surveillance video surfaced this week of him punching his wife in the elevator of a New Jersey casino. The incident, which happened earlier this year, was investigated by

the league and Rice was originally suspended two games by the NFL. But with the release of the latest video, the league suspended Rice indefinitely and the Ravens released him.

"I think everybody deserves a second chance. Everybody," Vick said Wednesday following practice. "Regardless of what has been done, depending on the magnitude of [it]. Obviously, in this situation I think he deserves a second chance. There's going to be

a grace period. I think we all just need to sit back and reflect on what's been done. Ray has to figure out what's best for him moving forward. I think the people in the proper positions will make the right decision when the time comes for him."

KRISTIAN DYER



MICHAEL VICK
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NFL power rankings | by Matt Burke

No. 1

Seahawks
(1-0)

Is it us or is Russell Wilson still underrated? Sure, Wilson didn't have to face what could be the best NFL defense since the '85 Bears like his Week 1 counterpart, Aaron Rodgers. But he did outperform the Green Bay QB. Wilson had a rating of 110.9 in Week 1, throwing a pair of touchdowns.

No. 2

Broncos
(1-0)

Our top two remains unchanged from last year. Denver allowed Indy to get back in the game, but held on for the win.

No. 3

49ers
(1-0)

Rumors of their demise have been greatly exaggerated. Despite numerous absences on defense, their unit stepped up.

No. 4

Falcons
(1-0)

There is no Hard Knocks jinx. Beating the Saints in a shootout is tough to do, but Matt Ryan did it.

No. 5

Bengals
(1-0)

Cincy could well have an elite, NFC-caliber defense. They're in the AFC, which means they could be in the hunt for a playoff bye.

No. 6

Lions
(1-0)

Maybe it was the national TV exposure or maybe the Giants are just plain bad this season but they looked explosive.

No. 7

Cardinals
(1-0)

Arizona had just six points at halftime against the Chargers, but Carson Palmer finished strong.

No. 8

Eagles
(1-0)

Critics were ready to pounce on the Eagles for their poor first half. But their second half was dominant.

No. 9

Dolphins
(1-0)

Ryan Tannehill wasn't great against the Patriots, but he won't have to be if the Miami Dolphins plays like it did.

No. 10

Packers
(0-1)

They get a pass for last Thursday. Lombardi's Packers weren't going to Seattle and winning.

No. 11

Panthers
(1-0)

Maybe we were wrong about them. The defense looked as dominant as last season, blanking the Bucs for three quarters.

No. 12

Saints
(0-1)

Here's guessing the Saints' offensive effort against Atlanta would have beaten most teams in the league.

No. 13

Steelers
(1-0)

Their second-half effort was alarming, but in the first half Big Ben looked like he was 24 years old.

No. 14

Bills
(1-0)

Most pundits had the Bears as a playoff lock. But the Buffalo defense confused Jay Cutler and E.J. Manuel looked solid.

No. 15

Patriots
(0-1)

What happened to that "improved" Pats defense? Maybe the Dolphins are legit, or maybe they should take some heat.

No. 16

Vikings
(1-0)

Cordarrelle Patterson was one of those "buzz" guys in the preseason and he lived up to it.

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